

Read out: PM call with David Cassidy UNIFOR444 - 2022-02-11

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Morning, please see call between PM & David Cassidy of UNIFOR 444 of Windsor. Very positive conversation, no flags.

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PM: Hi Dave.

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Dave: Hi PM.

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PM: How are you doing, how are your folks doing? I can't imagine this is anything but extraordinarily difficult.

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Dave: I'm driving to my plant, we will be sending everybody home again, which is everyday, it is just sickening.

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PM: It's just wrong on so many levels, productions, work, values, but also the message the protestors are able to send about Canada, about our reliability, is going to be something we have to work really hard to get back. I want you to know that I had a good convo with Ford, and our officials have been working together pushing strong measures to get the protestors to decide it is not worth it, including severe consequences, loss of license, insurance, ability to go into the US. Also the RCMP, OPP have put together a strong plan to send to Windsor. I'm told of this because politicians obviously don't get involved in operational matters, but I'm told there is a strong plan.

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Dave: Well it's interesting, I get a call from the ... [missed] who told me I don't know who to go to here, it's ridiculous. It's now affecting all of our supply chains. I got a couple pretty terrible emails last night. I mean what do they want me to do. If it's the old days there would be water cannons, time changed a little bit. I'm glad the Premier decided to act. I heard you got a hold with the premiers and opposition leaders.

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PM: Listen, you are absolutely right, first of all they are calling for the overthrow of the government, the rest are calling for policy changes based on false facts. The other thing is there is no there there, I mean who do we talk to? This group is being coordinated from afar. On the ground in the protest, there is not anyone speaking for anyone. The solution is for police of jurisdiction to intervene, we are making sure they are having the right resources. What we saw in QC and Toronto, police were able to deal with it, but unfortunately in other places, police weren't, and they were able to escalate.

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Dave: I mean that's embarrassing. I mean who are these people? Who has no direction. They think they can just demand something from the government. They've lost all support, you know that. It's

ridiculous, it's embarrassing. I heard you had a meeting the other day with my boss, Mr. Tevares. He put pressure on us. Let us know better to pull up our socks if we want this investment. He said the federal government will be there. You took a great approach on that. Quick on your feet to nail it down. I'm glad things will change here, PM. I'm driving by my plant right now, knowing that by lunch they will be going home. And by the way, we have a bargain top up, but we have 4-5 plants, and outside of that those families get nothing.

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PM: It's absolutely untenable, for sure big reflections on how we move forward with this. The police forces were caught with an old playbook, we have to update the focus. This is also a worldwide phenomenon. They are just warming up for the US midterms. I'm fairly confident we will be able to put this in the rearview mirror. We will keep absolutely focused on how we get through this. No nonsense on this.

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Dave: That's great, that's what's needed. Well ok this is wonderful, I'm glad we had a touch point. Irek keeps me up to speed, I called Marco yesterday. I blasted him. I said, what are you doing!

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PM: People say the federal government should do something, but we are there, we are limited by the constitution. It's great to talk to you David, let's keep touch on this. The thing is, any political party or organization trying to stand up for ordinary folks should be standing for you and you guys. So your voice in this is going to be really really important to highlight how backwards everything is.

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Dave: Irrelevant

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PM: It's a pleasure to work with you and I'm sure it will be a pleasure to continue working with you.

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Dave: Thank you PM, bye bye.

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